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COMMENTS ON DRAFT TECHNICAL MEMORANDUM, PRELIMINARY ASSESSMENT, BUILDING 307, FORMER U. S. MARINE CORPS AIR STATION, EL TORO

Dear Mr. Gould:

We have completed our review of the above-referenced document, dated October 2001, which we received at this office on October 23, 2001. Building 307 is located in the southwest corner of Site 24. The building was used for laundry and dry cleaning. Soil gas, soil, and groundwater samples were collected from the area beneath Building 307, and along the sanitary sewer which extends from Building 307 to the former sewage disposal plant. The samples were analyzed for volatile organic compounds (VOCs), using EPA method 8260B, to determine whether solvents were released as the result of activities in Building 307.

Low concentrations of VOCs were detected in nine of the 84 soil gas samples, and low concentrations of trichloroethene were detected in all three of the groundwater samples. There were no VOCs detected above the laboratory reporting limits in the soil samples. The low concentrations of contaminants that are present in the soil (as vapor) and in the groundwater in the vicinity of Building 307 do not appear to pose a significant threat to water quality, or to the beneficial uses of the groundwater at this site.

Based on the information in the report, and provided that the information is complete and accurate, we concur with the request for no further action at this site.

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If you should have any questions, please call me at (909) 782-4498, or send e-mail to phannon@rb8.swrcb.ca.gov.

Sincerely,



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